

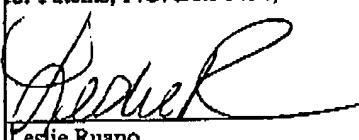
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MARKING AND THERAPEUTIC OR DIAGNOSTIC AGENT
DELIVERY SYSTEM
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REPLY

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the application and requests reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner rejects claims 1 and 3 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,030,377 to *Linhares*, and rejects claims 1 and 3 under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Linhares*.

Claim 1 of the subject application is directed to a percutaneous myocardial revascularization marking therapeutic or diagnostic agent delivery system comprising a treatment catheter having a proximal end interconnected with a source of tissue ablative